

1	2	3	4
29.	Rajasthan	105	58
30.	Sikkim	-	-
31.	Tamil Nadu	138	115
32.	Tripura	5	7
33.	Uttar Pradesh	125	178
34.	Uttaranchal	25	18
35.	West Bengal	113	107
TOTAL:		1909	1690

Welfare of disabled persons

†686 SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of disabled persons in the country;
- (b) the criteria adopted for providing employment to such persons; and
- (c) whether Government have formulated any special scheme for increasing employment opportunities for disabled persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) As per census 2001 figures, there are 2.19 crored disabled persons in the country.

(b) As per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, three per cent reservation is provided for persons with disabilities, in vacancies in Government establishments of which one percent each is to be reserved for persons suffering from (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment; and (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy.

(c) In the Union Budget 2007-08, a scheme for Employment for the Physically Challenged in the organized sector has been proposed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.